






5 Themes of World History

<u>S</u>ocial		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Class Structures➔ Social Mobility & Barriers➔ Gender Roles & Relations➔ Family & Kinship➔ Racial & Ethnic Constructs➔ Urbanization➔ Freedoms & Rights
<u>P</u>olitical		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Government / Leadership➔ Nations / Nationalism➔ Revolts / Revolutions➔ Conflict / War➔ Legal / Court Systems➔ Regional / Trans-Regional / Global Structures & Organizations
<u>I</u>nteraction with Environment		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Demography➔ Disease➔ Migration➔ Natural Resources➔ Settlement Patterns➔ Impact of Natural Barriers➔ Flora / Fauna / Climate➔ Technology
<u>C</u>ultural		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Religions / Beliefs / Ideologies➔ Language➔ Writing➔ Art & Architecture➔ Clothing, Food, Music➔ Education➔ Science & Technology➔ Nationalism
<u>E</u>conomic		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Material Wealth➔ Production (Agric. & Pastoral)➔ Distribution (Trade & Commerce)➔ Consumption (use)➔ Labor Systems➔ Industrialization➔ Wealth Distribution➔ Banking & Currency

SPICE THEMATIC NOTES

Purpose: Use the following questions as a guide during your reading and note-taking. Pay particular attention to **significant individuals, vocabulary, and dates** pertaining to the social, political, environmental, cultural, and economic themes. A focus on **changes, their cause, and effect** is also critical.

S—DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIAL STRUCTURES:

- What was family life like? How did they live? What roles and rights did women have?
- How was the social system structured? What were the classes? What were the roles and rights of the subordinates?
- What patterns of settlement and migration existed? What role did colonization play?

P—STATE-BUILDING, EXPANSION, and CONFLICT:

- What political institutions existed? How was political power distributed? What degree of authority did the government maintain? Who had decision making power?
- What role did the government play in religion and the economy?
- What type of regional and global structures existed outside the state?
- How did the legal system operate and what legal rights were provided?
- What kind of relationship did the government have with other governments? What conflicts existed and what was their impact?
- What forces led to the unification or breakdown of political order? What resulted from the disorder or unity?

I—INTERACTION BETWEEN HUMANS AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

- What was the impact of geography?
- What was the social, political, and economic impact of disease?
- What sort of technological achievements were developed? (*Technology—tools and processes created to manipulate the physical world to solve real-world problems*)

C—DEVELOPMENT AND INTERACTION OF CULTURES:

- What did the education consist of and what people were educated?
- What intellectual achievements were made? (science, math, medicine, astronomy, philosophy, art, literature, and architecture) What was the purpose and motivation?
- What religion was practiced?
 - How did it originate? How did it expand and influence other cultures?
 - What are the beliefs, practices, and rituals of the religion?
 - How did religious texts influence its development?
- What was the impact of other belief systems and ideologies?

E—CREATION, EXPANSION, AND INTERACTION OF ECONOMIC SYSTEMS:

- How was the economy organized and who determined how goods were distributed?
- What were the primary ways people provided for themselves?
- What type of trade existed? How was it carried out and with what effect?
- What type of labor systems existed?

How did new technologies affect the economy?